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## Charges disrupt senate elections

The Student Government Association (SGA) senate elections became tangled in an avalanche of charges and counter-charges that disrupted the release of the results and apparently divided some SGA members into two quarreling factions.

The charges stemmed from a write-in campaign staged by two students, Ken Jones and Brenda Bennet. Both had failed to qualify for the election on time. Bennet claims, however, that she had been misled, apparently by accident, about the qualification rules.

Several of the students who openly opposed the two write-in candidates claimed that several other students who supported the write-in candidates had broken a campaign rule prohibiting candidates to campaign within 50 feet of a ballot box.

The original charge was filed against Tim Hardy, SGA vice president, by Cindy McManus, director of the Office of Special Research. This caused a rash of counter-charges and ultimately resulted in no less than six complaints, most of which seemed to be scribbled out at the last moment, filed with the Student Election Board, which had to hold the release of the election results until the matter could be resolved.

The board, after careful deliberation, declared the votes cast for the write-in candidates as invalid. The board also reprimanded Hardy "for using poor judgement while working at the polls by suggesting names of write-in candidates to prospective student voters." It also reprimanded Dubba Hermes, SGA senator, for breaking the campaign rule of 50 feet.

The reason he campaigned for the two write-in candidates, Hardy said, was "because I had an interest in getting two senators to come to the meetings." The two senators Hardy ment are Hermes and Stuart Shannon, who were both reelected.

However, it was obvious that although the first complaint might have been valid (it was never proven or disproven), the barrage of counter-charges deteriorated the situation to a state where students became motivated strictly from personal feelings. It soon divided into two factions: those supporting Hermes and Shannon and those supporting Jones and Bennett.

Many senators openly admitted they felt the entire matter to be one of "grudges" of one group against the other with little consideration from either

side to the alleged violations.

According to the election board, "many of the charges stemming from this election were the results of petty personality clashes and not intentional desires to sabotage the election process."

The board also recommended the SGA draft more specific election rules and provide "marshalls" to police polling places.

The rest of the election proceeded comparatively smooth. There were no officially contested seats and all candidates were elected in the five colleges and at large.

The new senate will be meeting at noon Fridays.



### New name, same building

As many students found out at registration, the school no longer has the "Liberal Arts Building." At least that's not the official name anymore. The newest building on campus is also the first to be named for someone—William H. Bronson, late publisher of the Shreveport Times who was instrumental in helping LSUS become founded and receive four year status. (photo: Greg Goodwin)

## Radio coming here?

BY GARRETT STEARNS

All LSUS needs is an operator's license and a transmitter and a broadcasting station could be a reality here, according to Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of the Department of Communications.

"New broadcast facilities located in the Audio Center on the second floor of Bronson Hall will now allow students to make taped programs for local radio stations and will acquaint the broadcast student with the technical aspects of electronic radio broadcasting," said Dr. Cloud.

THE NEW equipment includes a broadcast console by Sparta, a two recorder stereo tape deck by Sony, two turntables, two Electro-Voice microphones and two column speakers. The broadcast equipment can tie in with existing equipment which includes three more microphones and two additional tape recorders and record players.

"The console, which has eight sound mixers, has capabilities of 25 different inputs or sources of sound in the sound mixing area," said Dr. Lillian Hall, associate professor of communications. "An audio console, such as the one we have, is basic to both radio and television broadcasting; once a student has learned the basic operation, he is able to manage the more numerous types of audio input mixers," said Dr. Hall who teaches Broadcasting 275.

BROADCAST areas in the Audio Center include the control section housing the console, a listening room with a stereophonic speaker system and a recording and interview room, according to Dr. Hall. Connecting telephones are installed between the recording and listening areas.

Concerning the facilities Dr. Hall said, "I am really enthusiastic because this is just a beginning for LSUS to do broadcast quality programs for community distribution. It is a training facility and has the finest training console board available."

"Replacement cost for new and existing equipment would be approximately \$10,000," Dr. Cloud said.

## Campaign results

Following are the official election results of the Student Government Association senate elections, held Sept. 8-11, as verified by the Student Election Board.

| NAME                         | VOTES |
|------------------------------|-------|
| At-Large (11 to be elected): |       |
| 1. Randy Allen               | 177   |
| 2. Richard Dancy             | 168   |
| 3. Jimmy Gwaltney            | 164   |
| 4. Dubba Hermes              | 104   |
| 5. Carol Knox                | 160   |
| 6. Walter Patterson          | 168   |
| 7. Monica Sowell             | 174   |
| 8. Mark Stephens             | 168   |
| 9. William Stewart           | 153   |
| 10. Nelda Wilkerson          | 155   |
| 11. Stuart Shannon           | 90    |

### College of Liberal Arts (three to be elected):

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| 1. Houston Burnside | 43 |
| 2. Terrence Connors | 36 |
| 3. James Schmidt    | 40 |

### College of General Studies (three to be elected):

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| 1. Steven Bond    | 18 |
| 2. Timmy Mitchell | 11 |
| 3. Taylor Salter  | 10 |

### College of Science (three to be elected):

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| 1. George Leritte    | 38 |
| 2. Stuart Pitts      | 38 |
| 3. (to be appointed) |    |

### College of Education (three to be elected):

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| 1. Suzanne Boddie    | 39 |
| 2. Billy Joe Johnson | 38 |
| 3. Susan C. Smith    | 37 |

### College of Business Administration (five to be elected):

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| 1. Harold Attaway    | 50 |
| 2. Kenny Beauvais    | 42 |
| 3. Michael Blackwell | 47 |
| 4. Wallace Rowan     | 45 |
| 5. Gabe Sims         | 47 |



# Sour grapes hang on SGA

It all looked so easy.

In last week's Student Government Association (SGA) senate elections, there were almost exactly as many candidates needed to fill the open positions (the College of Science was one short). It was an uncontested race, an election of the simplest form. But it was all too good to be true.

No one is really sure exactly what happened. It appears that SGA member A supposedly saw SGA member B breaking a campaign law (no candidate can campaign within 50 feet of the ballot box). Member B made counter charges; member C got mad and made counter charges. Then member D heard about it and...

Sound complicated? Think of it in this fashion: one group of children saw another steal some cookies and ran to tell the teacher. That is about the level the entire matter was on.

It soon became obvious, as the Election Board wisely pointed out, that the situation, and the time and energy wasted, were the results of "petty personality clashes" of the lowest order.

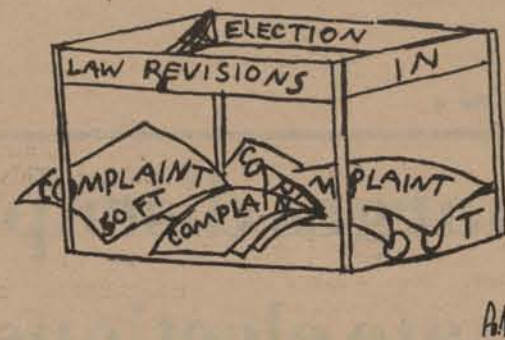
One SGA member who was relatively uninvolved said it all "was a case of sour grapes, pure and simple; one group mad because the other won."

And in talking to several students directly involved, phrases such as "it's really not important, but..." or "it's all trivial, but..." kept creeping up. Apparently those who thought the matter "trivial" also thought it important enough to concentrate three days of energy on it.

It is hard to find words to express the almost unbelievable silliness of the entire episode. We can more clearly understand now why the senate gets bogged down in parliamentary nothingness ("He's out of order," No, you are"). The leaders set the example. No, we didn't have high expectations anyway, but we didn't expect all this to happen so soon.

One solution to the mess is, as the Election Board recommended, to enact election reform laws that are practical and, if there is no alternative (and there probably isn't), to put student patrols around each ballot station. Many SGA members have expressed interest in campaign reforms, particularly the president of the SGA, Billy Lyons (it was one of his campaign promises). Now is the time for these people to act.

The real tragedy of the affair lies with those involved. Most are hard working, energetic people who volunteer hours and hours of work for the school. Their ideas are for the most part innovative and original and genuinely deserve attention. In many



ways they are the best LSUS has.

But they can not expect students who are normally cynical toward SGA to take any ideas seriously if all they see are personality squabbles that belong in elementary school.

## It's not the Bookstore's fault

by Carolyn Robertson

I'm sure that everyone who read the article in the Sept. 5 *Almagest* concerning the "Bookstore Blues" agreed, at least in part, with what the article said.

But little do the students realize just what a hassle it is

for the Bookstore staff to try to adequately serve them.

THE MAIN problem seems to be the holdup in getting the books to the students. The reasons for this may be many. For example, the Bookstore orders the books in June or July.

The publishing company may not have the requested books in stock at that time. Or, if they do have the books in stock, there maybe a holdup in delivery.

Also, the Bookstore staff never really knows how many books to order because they never know just how many people will be enrolling in a certain class.

## 'Veto' decontrols oil

by GEORGE SYLVIE

Well, President Gerald "Veto" Ford has done it again. He recently vetoed a six month extension of domestic oil price controls, the 37th veto of his short presidency.

Ford's rationale is that removing controls would stimulate U.S. production and keep money at home that now goes to oil producers abroad. A sharp increase in crude oil prices could occur if there is no compromise between Ford and Congress on a gradual plan for decontrol.

FORD HAS invited Congress to start the compromise by sending him a new bill for extending the controls 45 days to allow time to work out the gradual plan.

Contrary to popular belief, Ford does not have a better idea. Immediate control could cause a three cent-per-gallon increase in gasoline prices, which to the average LSUS student is an added school expense.

I GUESS the oil companies figure it this way: "Aw heck, what's three more cents added to 60 cents?" I'll tell you what it is. It's 63 cents! Multiply that by the number of gallons you get when you fill your tank and it's

more than just three cents.

Also, why should we be so interested in helping the domestic oil companies? Nobody told them to build a gas station at every red light.

A FEW short years ago they weren't even thinking of an energy crisis (remember the one about putting a tiger in your tank?). You also expected more from Standard and you got it. Where you got it they wouldn't say.

Ford has taken the position that he knows what's best for the country and Congress doesn't. That's hard to swallow when you consider some of his previous methods of operation (whatever happened to my WIN button?) and the fact that Congressmen are elected officials whereas he was appointed by a man whose judgment we no longer rely on.

FORD wants to put America on the "road to energy independence." I don't see anything independent about paying 63 cents for gas.

If anything, I feel like a slave to the oil companies. The President says his action would save American jobs.

I won't have a job if I can't afford the gas to get to work. Would Ford lend me his limousine for a week?

ANOTHER popular misconception is the bookstore gets rich, charging those outlandish prices for their books. The publishers have a suggested retail price. The bookstore gets a 20 per cent discount, but five per cent of that goes toward shipping costs.

The rest goes toward paying for salaries, utilities and so forth. So, when the Bookstore sells you a book for \$14.95, they make a profit of about one dollar. How's that for getting rich?

ALL THIS is just part of what goes on behind the scene, not to mention the long hours the staff puts in. On the first day of registration, they put in 12 hours.

Part of this time was spent looking for books that could be almost anywhere, if there at all. The other half was spent listening to the students give them hell, for not having THEIR books when THEY wanted them.

So, the next time you go into the Bookstore, please try to be a little more patient. They have their problems too.

## Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

After having read a few reactions to the name of the campus paper, it is apparent that now one know why the publication is so named, now what *Almagest* means. What's in a name, anyway? Perhaps if the campus population knew what the name means and

whence it came, they would better understand why *Almagest* is a "perfect" name for a university publication, especially a newspaper. Why don't you run an informative column on the name of the paper before you condemn it?

John W. Hall  
Dept. of Social Sciences

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## On faculty council

## Student members appointed

by GARRETT STEARNS

Student members of Faculty Council Committees have been appointed by Chancellor Donald E. Shipp.

Students were nominated by Bill Lyons, Student Government Association president. Dr. Jimmie N. Smith, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, verified the qualifications of the nominees. The number of students being appointed are in accordance with Faculty Council instructions, according to Dr. Shipp.

NAMED TO the Admissions and Standards Committee are sophomores Richard Dancy and Jackye Moore. Dr. Frank Collins, associate professor of chemistry, is chairman of this committee which reviews and recommends policies and standards concerning admission requirements of the University.

Appointed to the Artists and Lecturers Committee are seniors Kathleen Friar, Rose Gregorio and Tommy Starkey. Chaired by Dr. Currie Thompson, assistant professor of

Spanish, this committee makes the necessary arrangements for an artists and lecturers program annually.

SENIORS ROBERT Banning, John Mier, George Leritte and Garrett Stearns are to serve on the Communications Advisory Committee. This committee formulates policies and procedures concerning staffing, financing, and operating student publications, radio and television facilities, consistent with all regulations of the University. Dr. James Lake, assistant professor of English, is chairman.

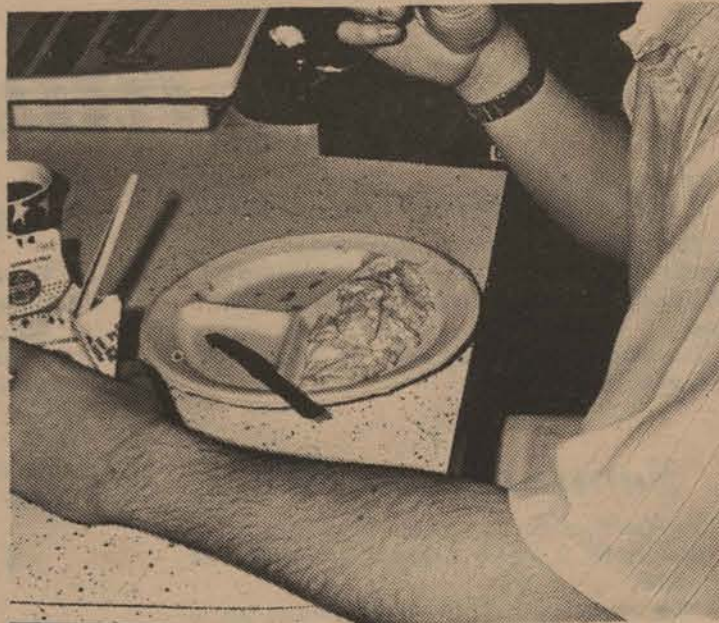
On the Library Committee are seniors Charles Henson and Frances Whitten. Chaired by Dr. Ann McLaurin, assistant professor of history, this committee advises administrative officers on matters related to development and utilization of library resources and facilities.

THE STUDENT AFFAIRS Committee is primarily responsible for University policy as it pertains to campus

organizations, student financial aid and carrying out the student code of conduct, according to Dr. Smith. Students on this committee include Jan Duczyk, sophomore; Dubba Hermes, senior; Pat Patterson, freshman; Sharon Raspberry, senior; and David Towns, junior. Dorothy Cady, assistant professor of biological sciences, is chairman.

"The Faculty Council consists of all full-time members of the academic staff participating in the resident instructional program and those of corresponding rank, and members of the Administrative Council," according to the LSUS Faculty Handbook.

"The Faculty Council or its appropriate committee has coordinating responsibility in matters involving the establishment of curricula, the fixing of standards of instructions and generally the formulation of the educational policy of LSUS in matters affecting more than a single division or department," he handbook further states.



## No more breakfast?

The trial run of the breakfast selections being served in the Snack Bar has been extended two more weeks, according to Bud Clack of Pickett Food Services. He said the response so far (about 14 are served a day) "hasn't been good." He is hopeful, though, business will improve in the coming weeks. Breakfast is served from 7-9 a.m. (photo: Roger Herring)

## French class offered

A program designed to prepare persons for teaching French in elementary schools is being offered here Sept. 15 through Dec. 5. Course registration has been extended until Sept. 24.

The intensive elementary French course, called the Council of the Development of French in Louisiana (CODFIL) second language specialist program was initiated by the Foreign Language and Bilingual Education Section of the Louisiana State Department of Education.

Classes began this week and will continue to be on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30.

Students who successfully complete the program will qualify for certification as "second language specialist (French)" and will be eligible to

teach French in elementary school.

The course will be continued in the spring and summer terms so that certification can be achieved in one or two years, depending on whether a major or minor in French has already been completed.

John B. Powell, director of Conferences and Institutes, said teachers successfully completing the program will earn salary raises amounting to 80 per cent of the next salary increment.

Tuition is free with books and study material furnished. Mari Humblet, a CODFIL teacher from Belgium, will assist Joe Patrick, LSUS instructor in French, with the class.

Persons wanting more information may contact Powell.

## Campus Personality



Bernie Grappe, junior journalism major, teaches guitar, banjo and fiddle. In addition, he is a full-time student, a professional musician and a musical composer. He began guitar lessons at age nine under a student of master guitarist Andre Segovia. Bernie says he is self-taught on the banjo, fiddle and pedal-steel guitar. A talented musician, he teaches jazz improvisation to his students; however, he composes for classical guitar.

Moreover, he teaches 17 students per week as well as working in the LSUS Library. After graduation he plans a career as an investigative reporter and will continue to teach music.

## Debaters begin year

The Debate Club begins its second year of competition with a 13-event schedule from Sept. 20 through April 17. Dr. Frank J. Lower, LSUS debate coach, has announced.

Last year the debaters attended eight tournaments and captured 29 awards, including first place junior debate team and first place extemporaneous speaker, both at the state tournament.

PLANS for the 1975-76 school year include hosting two tournaments at LSUS: one for high schools and one for colleges; establishing a speakers' bureau on campus; sponsoring a campus-wide speaking contest; and participating in the Bicentennial Youth Debates sponsored by the Speech Communication Association of America.

LSUS starts the program with the Debate and Forensic Workshop at the University of Southwestern Louisiana tomorrow.

THE OTHER forensic events and their dates are as follows: Louisiana Tech Tournament, Oct. 24-25; Spindletop Invitational at Lamar University in Beaumont, Tex., Oct. 30 through Nov. 1; Broncho Forensic Tournament at Central State in Edmond, Okla., Nov. 7-8; Southwest Texas State Speech Festival in San Marcos, Tex., Nov. 14-15.

Red River Classic at LSUS, Nov. 21-22; Pilot's Forensic Classic (high schools) at LSUS Jan. 9-10; Lone Star Invitational

at University of Texas at Arlington, Jan. 16-17; Baylor University Debates, Feb. 5-7 or San Antonio College Rodeo Invitational, Feb. 6-7.

CAJUN Debate Tournament at University of Southwestern Louisiana, Feb. 13-14; Piney Woods Tournament at Stephen F. Austin State University, Feb. 20-21; Northwestern State University Tournament, March 12-13; Louisiana Forensic Association Tournament at Northeast State Louisiana University, April 16-17.

Members of the LSUS debate team are Rancee Beaty, Steven R. Berry, Cleon Bryant, Glenda Camp, Gloria Christopher, Becky Hudsmith, Albert Latham, Mike Monsour, Rhett J. Myers, Raelene S. Pell, James Schmidt, Susan Smit, and Donald Wright.

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## Chess

Large, new, imported chess set. Wooden pieces and board. \$20, see in B 253 or call ext. 260.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Singles—Sept. 27 and 28

Deadline for entries: Sept. 23

Doubles and Mixed Doubles—Oct. 4 and 5

Deadline for entries: Sept. 30

Anyone interested please come by the Intramural Office in Bronson Hall, room 130.

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# Campus Briefs

## Tennis tournament

The Intramural office announces the up-coming tennis tournament. Singles are scheduled for Sept. 27 and 28. Doubles and mixed doubles are Oct. 4 and 5.

Deadline for entries is Sept. 30. Anyone interested come by B130.

## Seminar speaker

An effort is under way to solicit faculty member speakers for a weekly informal gathering with students.

This is an opportunity for the faculty to talk to the students on a subject not necessarily related to their field of study.

Any interested faculty member is asked to contact Joe Simmon, ext. 393.

## Kappa Alpha

Kappa Alpha recently inducted fall pledges. They are Charles Armistead, Larry Ayers, Jim Burton, Jimmy Gwaltney, Bill Lanehart, Steve McRiman, Don Stevens, Mark Tench, and Peter Vlahakis.

The chapter is involved in community and civic affairs with the selling of concessions for the March of Dimes during Steamer football games.

## Brain teasers

Brain Teasers, a problem-solving contest sponsored by the Linear Transformations of the Math Club, will appear periodically in the Almagest.

All solutions must be dated and delivered to the Math Department, Dr. Stuart Mills or any Math Club officer. The first three persons to hand in correct solutions will be awarded one point each with the person with the most points at the end of the year awarded a plaque. All Math Club officers and faculty members are ineligible.

This week's Brain Teaser: Given eight cubes, all with the same physical appearance, and knowing that seven cubes weigh the same and the eighth is the heaviest cube, isolate the heavy cube using only two weighing opportunities on a balance.

## Health Science club

The Health Science Club elected new officers for this year.

Officers are: Mark Elfervig, president; Jim Jones, vice-president; Bonnie Roach, secretary; Helen Price, historian; and Sharon Werntz, treasurer.

The next meeting is Wednesday at 5 p.m. in room 229 of the Science Building. John Gregory, from the LSU med school, will be the featured speaker. The public is invited.

## Agriculture club

The Agriculture Club recently elected officers for this semester.

Officers are: Allan Small, president; Diana Gertzman, vice president; Bonnie Moore, secretary-treasurer.

Also, plans for the State Fair were made. Anyone interested should contact Dr. John G. Hall, ext. 239. The next meeting will be Wednesday.

## Colonial clothes

If you own a pair of overalls, knickers, a long dress, bonnets or any other clothes which resembles colonial clothing and would like to be in one or more pictures representing the colonial days, sign your name, address and phone number on a list posted on the Bagatelle office door in room 228, Bronson Hall, according to Marilyn Kolonko, yearbook editor.

## Intramurals

Wednesday ended the second of the seven series of games scheduled this semester, four teams battled it out in close decisions while two of the remaining teams appeared to be either been paid off or stricken with malaria.

K.A. held off the Who 12-6 while the Trees outlasted Delta Sigma Phi 19-12.

Greenway Gang shut-out the SOB's 19-0 and in what seemed to be a basketball score, Soul Patrol whipped the BS 52-6.

With five games still left, all the teams have a good chance to make the playoffs.

## Old pictures

Bob Banning, past president of SLTA is trying to locate any pictures or articles on the LSUS campus since its beginning.

The purpose is to create a pictorial slide history for an LSUS promotional program.

If anyone has pictures that can be used or loaned, please contact Cindy McManus in BH 120 or Bob Banning at 746-6524.

## Law society

The Law Society will elect officers Wednesday at 2 p.m. in BH 111.

If members are unable to attend or for more information contact Preston Friedley at 747-1254.

## Victory party

A BYOL is being sponsored by Pat Cadara, Jim Huckabee and Joe Glorioso after the LSU-Rice game Sept. 27 in the Captain Shreve Lake Room from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased at Mama Mia's Restaurant and Pub, 2109 Market St., \$5 a couple.

The group "Fat Chance" will provide entertainment.

## Calendar

Friday, September 19

1, 7 and 9:30 p.m.—"Clockwork Orange," SLA, rated R.

Saturday, September 20

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Crown Dental Test (CDT), Bronson Hall, room 103.

Monday, September 22

5 p.m.—Flag football, west playing field.

Tuesday, September 23

8:30 p.m.—League bowling, Tebbe's Bowlero.

Wednesday, September 24

5 p.m.—Flag football, west playing field.

Friday, September 26

1, 7 and 9:30 p.m.—"Chinatown," SLA, rated R.

## Spectra

Spectra '76 is accepting contributions for the spring edition. All contributions of poetry, essays, short stories, foreign language works and other articles of prose as well as photographs and artwork are possible for publication.

Contributors may come by BH 225, anytime Monday through Friday.

## Sigma Alpha Upsilon

Sigma Alpha Upsilon, psycholinguistic service fraternity, will have its monthly Pot Luck Supper Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Snack Bar.

All members should attend and new pledges and interested persons are invited. Also, family and friends are welcomed.

Contact Dr. Ann Torrains or Dr. James Sabin for further information.

## Psychology club

Dr. Mark Vigen assistant professor of psychology, will speak at the Psychology Club's cheese-tasting party Saturday in the home of Dr. R. L. Benefield, club sponsor at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Vigen will talk about organic causes of abnormal behavior.

All club members who have paid their dues are invited.

## Accounting club

The Accounting Club has recently elected new officers for this year.

New officers include Jack Monarch, president; Randolph Araby, vice president; Jean Wong, secretary; and Ginger Neal, treasurer.

## Hines opens Symphony season

The Shreveport Symphony will open its 28th season with Metropolitan Opera basso Jerome Hines as guest artist. Nine concerts are scheduled, including "Bicentennial World Premieres." Each concert will be presented twice—Sunday at 3 p.m. and Monday at 8 p.m.

The orchestra, with musical director John Shenaut conducting, will feature Jerome Hines, opera star, Sept. 28-29; John Browning, pianist, Oct. 26-27; World Premiere Orchestral, Nov. 9-10; Charles Treger and Gary Karr, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; "Cosi fan Tutte," Shreveport Sym-

phony Repertory Opera Company, Feb. 1-2; George Shearing, popular jazz pianist, Feb. 22-23; Garrick Ohlsson, pianist, Mar. 14-15; Janos Starker, pianist, April 4-5; and World Premiere Ballet, Shreveport Symphony Ballet.

Highlighting the season is the Orchestral concert, the opera and the ballet all composed by Elie Siegmeister. These world premieres for the U.S. Bicen-

tennial are unique because "it is the first time in the history of the United States that one orchestra has commissioned three major

works by one composer in a project of this type," according to John G. Wendt, symphony manager.

A season's ticket entitles the patron to seats for under \$3.50 a concert. College students can purchase student tickets.

## 'Peanuts' comes alive

by ELEANOR CULLICK  
Special to the Almagest

Happiness is Charlie Brown and his famous comic strip friends come alive with verve, bounce, loads of charm and a ton of talent in the premiere opening of the Storefront Theatre.

Directed by Centenary College's Bob Buseick and choreographed by Ginger Folmer, six kids tear the house down with sheer energy, sing beautifully and captivate your heart. There are a couple of tricky musical numbers but Will Andress has coached them well and they are backed with excellent musical accompaniment.

There's Charlie Brown, played with appealing sensitivity by Karl Dent; Don Kirkindoll mugging shamelessly as Snoopy; crabby Lucy with an ear-shattering voice portrayed by Casey King; Mark King as wistful Linus with

his ever present security blanket; Beethoven-lover Schroeder by dreamy Sid Davis; and Bettye Barton as Patty.

This mini-musical by Clark Gesner is a series of scenes, followed by blackouts, and plays for 1½ hours without intermission. The stage is used well (and it is small), especially for a couple of production numbers where every inch counts.

The Storefront Theatre, a part of the program life of the First Methodist Church, will present family entertainment. They have a Winner on their hands with this first show that bubbles like sparkling champagne. Charlie Brown will play Sept. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m.

The theatre is located at 526 Common St., just a few doors down from the church and is distinguishable from the other stores by the Charlie Brown poster art in the windows. Call 424-4374 for reservations.

## Catsikis gets \$9000 grant

by VICKIE LLOYD  
Special to the Almagest

Dr. Basil D. Catsikis, assistant professor of chemistry, has been awarded a \$9,000 grant by the Petroleum Research Fund for research for the next three years.

The grant, administered by the American Chemical Society, is a "starter" grant for faculty members who are in their first three years of teaching to help them initiate a research

program.

According to Dr. Catsikis, the title of his research is "Porphyrin Complexes of the Rare Earth" and the research objective is "the synthesis and study of new compounds which show great promise as tools for the structural determination of biological systems." During the past two summers he did research in the porphyrin area at LSU-New Orleans with the support of the National Science Foundation.